

# **DNREC flood program manager Michael Powell to speak about flood risks, mitigation and federal flood insurance at U of D's Delaware Resiliency Summits**

**DOVER** – Michael Powell, Delaware flood program manager, DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship, will address flooding issues prevalent throughout the First State next month at the Delaware Resiliency Summits April 6 and 7 – with his presentation focused on how to protect your business, workplace or home against flooding and how to separate flood insurance facts from fiction.

Powell, who has been with DNREC for 25 years, is responsible for managing the state's flood mapping, community floodplain management assistance, dam safety and beach preservation regulatory programs. He holds a Master of Marine Policy degree from the University of Delaware and is active in the Association of State Floodplain Managers. In billing his upcoming presentation, the University of Delaware's Small Business Development Center, which sponsors the free summits, noted that "Delaware enjoys a multi-billion dollar economy largely due to its standing as a coastal state with beautiful beaches, bays and waterways. But water, more specifically too much of it, can be devastating to businesses, nonprofit organizations and homeowners."

Powell's presentation will focus on:

- Preparation for and recovering from floods;
- How to assess your flood risk;

- Flood insurance – separating fact from fiction;
- Disaster relief – what exactly it is; and
- Practical steps for being resilient to future flooding risks.

This year's Resiliency Summits will take place in New Castle and Sussex counties:

- Wednesday, April 6 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington from 8 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. To register online for the New Castle County summit go to <https://clients.delawaresbdc.org/workshop.aspx?ekey=10360008>
- Thursday, April 7 at Kings Creek Country Club in Rehoboth Beach from 8 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. For online registration for the Sussex County Summit go to <https://clients.delawaresbdc.org/workshop.aspx?ekey=30360003>

The purpose of the Delaware Resiliency Summits is to prepare businesses, nonprofits, state agencies, academia and residents with business continuity and resiliency information to help them with protection against weather events such as flooding, cyber-crimes and insurance risks. Tabletop exercises will promote two-way communication and learning, and attendees will receive a free disaster protection and recovery planning workbook. For more information regarding either summit, please call Delaware's Small Business Development Center at 302-856-1555. For more information on flooding in Delaware, please visit the [DNREC website](#).

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